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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 01/18/2007 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because: the text of at least claim 2 and the changes to this claim do not match up with the corresponding claim 2 in applicant's Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.143 to a Restriction Requirement dated 02/27/2006. In other words, the text and the changes to claim 2 in applicant's 01/18/2007 amendment do not match up with claim 2 in the latest entered amendment dated 02/27/2006. As one example, the terms "comprised of" appear to have been added to line 1 of claim 2 in applicant's 01/18/2007 amendment, but such terms are not underlined in this amendment. Moreover, the term "a" in line 4 of claim 2 in applicant's 01/18/2007 amendment includes both underlining and strikethrough. As such, it is unclear if the term "a" is being added or deleted from claim 2. Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

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Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas A. Morrison whose telephone number is (571) 272-7221. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8am - 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Mackey can be reached on (571) 272-6916. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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